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ON

GERMAN PROPOSAL TO EXPORT GONIOMETER DIRECTION FINDING EQUIPMENT TO POLAND

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Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM 3425, 3459.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the Committee to the German proposal to export three mobile goniometer direction finding sets to Poland. He recalled that the United States Delegate had asked for an additional period in which to consider this case, while there had been no objections from the other Members of the Committee. He invited the United States Delegate to give the final views of his authorities.
2. The UNITED STATES Delegate recalled that the initial reaction of his authorities had been negative (COCOM 3459) and he had now been instructed to make a formal objection to this export. Since the sets in question could be used to locate clandestine transmitters his authorities felt that the security risks involved overrode the special considerations of the Committee's Polish policy.
3. The GERMAN Delegate said that he took note of the views expressed by the United States Delegate and reiterated the expectation of his authorities that all Members of the Committee would refrain from exporting equipment of this type to the Soviet Bloc.

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